Rome Sat March 14
1863

My dear Tom

"Eccomi qua" the 2d half enclosed of the £5 note (No 59381) for dear Maria & I hope you got the other safe as I sent it by the Queens Messenger of the 11th to be posted to you - on another occasion tell Maria I hope to be more ready & less embarrassed as my savings begin to tell but I have had such a hard task to get over & now thank Heaven the great Marseilles debt is all paid

The account of the rejoicings on your 9th has just come but as yet I have not read it as I am sending off despatches & letters by Mr Kenaway so I cannot have the happiness of a chat with you - but I am very well & in great good spirits

Your loving brother Joe

when a Dyke Lady came for my advice in a
serious affair - her two nieces at the St Peters show
had been publicly affronted by the Deacon who invited
them to see both garments & pictures in the Sacristy
- then introduced to Cardinal who mocked them to
touch with Card Antonelli - She wished me to tell her
if there might danger in all, & advised that they
should not go, also I told of several cases of priestly
intrigues, & she determined to follow my advice, Now
you will see at once what a responsibility I have
for you see I may incur the anger of the Card.s at
what they may call my going out of my way, but this
I don't think will ever come to -

Our Easter is now all over & it has been very
splendid, both as to the immense numbers of English
& the loveliness of the weather - a French Lady was
killed in the crowd against the grille of the Swiss
guard who are always in armour -

I was greatly pleased at your kind & thoughtful
letter, pray tell me any thing that may put me on
my guard, because I have no doubt hosts of bad
enemies who are lingering for my place, but you
will perceive that my devout Object is to identify
myself with Rome to that extent, that no other
may approach my doings either in importance
or individuality - in haste Yours loving brother Joe